

Andreas and Jason

The connection was almost instantaneous, Jason explains.



"I had been working at a car dealership for three years and quit because I wanted to do something more fulfilling. The money was fine but I wanted to feel like I had done something at the end of the day. A case manager at Upper Valley Services introduced me to this guy, Andreas, who needed a home placement. I had a home and it would satisfy something in me, be something worthwhile. I am not sure I could do it with a lot of other people; but Andreas and I connected. I had the idea as soon as I met him. I didn't know if it would work but it has."

Today Andreas and Jason came into town to take a walk down Church Street, have a bagel, and check out what's new at the comic store. A few days a week Andreas helps with promotion for Higher Ground, a concert venue.

"Andreas loves a crowd, so anywhere you can find a lot of people, is a good place to be. We have gone out of state for music festivals; to Philly for four nights with Pearl Jam; and we went to the Everglades in Florida. We've gone to Boston to see the Red Sox. And closer to home, we love the movies!"

As Jason tells us about their times together Andreas sits quietly next to us, listening and watching intently or shifting to watch the people walking by. When we say goodbye we watch them head back down the street, two young men strolling in the Queen City.



"I wasn't told what not to do so a lot of things that might have been considered "not possible" we ended up doing."